

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
SAVANNAH DIVISION**

JOHN HAUGER,

Plaintiff,

v.

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 4:23-cv-303

ORDER

On January 31, 2024, counsel for Plaintiff and counsel for Defendant have advised the Court that the parties have reached a settlement of this matter and that they intend to file a joint stipulation of dismissal once the settlement is completed. (Doc. 26.) Accordingly, the Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk of Court to **ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE** this action. See Heape v. Flanagan, No. 6:07-CV-12, 2008 WL 2439736 (S.D. Ga. June 9, 2008).

Within **forty-five (45) days** of the date this Order is entered, the parties—if they wish—may present a dismissal judgment, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2), incorporating the terms of their settlement, so the Court may retain jurisdiction to enforce the agreement. In the alternative, the parties may simply file a joint stipulation of dismissal. If the parties fail to file a dismissal (or, if necessary, move to reopen the case) within **forty-five (45)**

days, the Court will *sua sponte* dismiss the case with prejudice. Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of Am., 511 U.S. 375, 381–82 (1994).

SO ORDERED, this 7th day of February, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Stan Baker", is positioned above a horizontal line.

R. STAN BAKER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA